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Delaware  
Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MAY 9, 2005

COOL TEMPERATURES SLOWS CORN EMERGENCE

Cool temperatures and overcast days delayed hay harvest and slowed corn emergence. Air temperatures dropped into the 30’s at night and minimal precipitation was recorded. There were **5.3 days suitable for field work**. Corn is emerging but is yellow due to the cold weather. Most **vegetable** transplants are being held for warmer weather.

Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** condition is rated 11 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is rated 7 percent fair, 74 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

**Pastures** are reported in mostly good condition with 3 percent poor, 20 percent fair and 77 percent good. **Hay supplies** are 37 percent short and 63 percent adequate.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	89	52	86	80
Wheat Headed	16	10	39	37
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	13	2	24	18
Cucumbers	10	5	15	13
Field Corn	63	30	61	50
Potatoes	83	70	94	89
Snap Beans	20	14	39	36
Sorghum	2	-	6	6
Soybeans	2	-	4	6
Sweet Corn	30	25	22	38
Tomatoes	15	6	25	24
Watermelons	13	2	23	16
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	68	40	94	94
Peaches	93	90	99	95
Strawberries	83	26	77	74

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	5	89	6
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	80	20
Five Year Average	4	14	69	13
Subsoil Moisture	-	2	97	1
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	89	11
Five Year Average	3	16	75	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	14.44	0.89	71	34	52	-8
Easton	0.00	18.43	3.29	71	38	54	-8
Frederick	0.01	13.52	0.86	71	36	50	-7
Frostburg	0.13	15.14	-0.61	64	29	44	-10
Hagerstown	0.02	10.47	-2.04	68	35	50	-10
Mechanicsville	0.04	14.46	-0.76	70	34	50	-11
Patuxent River	0.27	13.85	0.28	67	38	54	-8
Ocean City	0.49	14.40	-1.40	66	34	51	-9
Salisbury	0.49	14.66	-0.68	68	29	50	-11
Sharpsburg	0.04	12.87	0.21	70	30	48	-9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	13.86	1.65	71	38	55	-9
Delaware							
Dover	0.20	15.39	0.78	68	37	52	-9
Georgetown	0.44	13.02	-2.12	67	35	52	-8
Wilmington	0.03	15.05	1.33	71	33	51	-8

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